## REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11, 14-20, and 22-25 are pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of these remarks.

In paragraph 4 of the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11, 14-20, and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moeller (US2003/0170022, hereafter Moeller-022). In paragraph 5, the Examiner rejected claims 6 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moeller-022 in view of Yonenaga. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all pending claims are allowable over the cited references.

Moeller'022 is a U.S. patent application having a common inventor with the present application. Submitted herewith is a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132, which establishes that Lothar Moeller (the common inventor) conceived and invented the subject matter disclosed in Moeller'022 that is relied on by the Examiner in the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11, 14-20, and 22-25 of the present application. The Applicants therefore submit that said subject matter of Moeller'022 was derived from Lothar Moeller and, as such, is not the invention by "another." It is thus submitted that Moeller'022 is not a proper prior-art reference, and that the rejections of claims over Moeller'022 should be withdrawn. Thus, the rejections of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11, 14-20, and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Moeller'022 have been overcome.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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